

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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11. (new) A bracket for supporting a tread on a structural member having one surface inclined at a predetermined angle, the bracket comprising:

- (a) a top section for supporting the tread;
- (b) a bottom section for flush positioning to said surface, the bottom section forming an acute angle with the top section such that the top section is substantially horizontal when the bottom section is in flush relation with said surface;
- (c) an arcuate front section;
- (d) the top section, the bottom section, and the arcuate front section forming a sector-like closed loop;
- (e) a closed-loop reinforcement web assembled against the top section, the bottom section, and the arcuate front section; and
- (f) at least one bracing member for securing the bracket to the structural member.

12. (new) The bracket of claim 11, wherein the bracing member comprises at least one aperture for securing said bracket to said structural member.

13. (new) The bracket of claim 11, wherein the top section comprises apertures for secure attachment of treads thereon.

14. (new) The bracket of claim 11, wherein said surface is inclined to an angle substantially 45 degrees off a horizontal plane and said acute angle is substantially 45 degrees.

15. (new) The bracket of claim 11, wherein the bracket is made of reinforced plastics material.